



January 11, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude for the work your government has done to protect Canadians through the COVID-19 pandemic while keeping an eye towards the future.

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (SCC), I am writing in support of Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline. We know protecting the ongoing economic and energy security of Canadians is crucial for your government, particularly as we move into economic recovery. Therefore, we are concerned by the announcement in November by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer that essentially prohibits the use of the Line 5 pipeline, located in two of the Great Lakes, effective this spring.

If Governor Whitmer's efforts are successful, Saskatchewan crude oil producers will be required to use rail, truck, or marine transportation methods, which do not currently have the appropriate infrastructure in place and are also potentially more hazardous and environmentally damaging should an accident occur. Saskatchewan crude oil ends up in refineries in Ohio, Wisconsin, Ontario, and Quebec. Due to the loss of the proposed Energy East Pipeline project, we have a refinery that must transport its oil to its factory in the Maritimes via the Panama Canal – direct pipelines are more efficient and safer. Furthermore, the loss of Line 5 would result in an increase in cost of living here and in the USA, at a time when many are facing economic instability due to the pandemic.

Finally, Enbridge is seeking permit approval for an underground tunnel project and replacement pipeline using new, safer technology to improve Line 5. This is a \$500 million USD project that would stimulate the economy, preserve energy security, and benefit North America. We believe the current pipeline should remain operating until the new tunnel has been completed.

The Governor of Michigan's proposal to revoke and terminate the Line 5 easement will increase risk and negatively impact citizens, energy security, and economic development on both sides of the border.



The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is urging you to reach out to U.S. President-Elect, Joe Biden, to resolve this issue in a productive and progressive manner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce would be pleased to provide further comment at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Kreuger".

Monica Kreuger

Chair, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

CC: Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Natural Resources
Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan
Honourable Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Energy and Resources
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